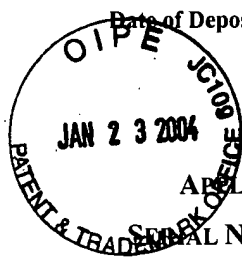


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed September 23, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this response is due on or before January 23, 2004. Enclosed is Check No. 17859 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover Petition fee.

The Commissioner may charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 PO (Cura 57PO). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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